

**WESFARMERS LIMITED**

**QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLORATION**

**JUNE 2006**

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**PREMIER**

**PRODUCTION**

Overburden movement was 6 per cent lower than the previous quarter, due to lower equipment availability.

Coal production for the quarter was 870,000 tonnes, 7 per cent below the previous quarter also due to lower equipment availability.

For the year ended June 2006, coal production was 3,713,000 tonnes, 12.3 per cent higher than the prior year.

**DEVELOPMENT**

The construction of the Research and Development 50,000 tpa Char Plant continues and commissioning remains scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter of this calendar year.

**EXPLORATION**

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

## **CURRAGH**

### **PRODUCTION**

Overburden removal was 9.7 per cent higher than the previous quarter due largely to increased production from both draglines and contractor truck and shovel activity.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,383,000 tonnes (comprising 1,790,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 593,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 10 per cent higher than the previous quarter. Metallurgical coal production was 17.7 per cent higher than the previous quarter, due primarily to continued improvements in Coal Handling & Preparation Plant performance.

For the year ended June 2006, coal production was 8,945,000 tonnes (comprising 6,300,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 2,645,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 27.3% higher than the prior year. Metallurgical coal production was 38.9% higher than the prior year.

### **DEVELOPMENT**

Key project development activities included continuation of the Curragh North Materials Handling Project, which at the end of the quarter was 70% complete with commissioning still scheduled for the fourth quarter of this calendar year. The forecast total cost of the Curragh North Project remains within the budgeted \$360 million.

### **EXPLORATION**

Exploration drilling to further delineate the resource at Curragh North continued through the quarter.

## **BENGALLA**

### **PRODUCTION**

Wesfarmers' share of coal production for the quarter was 562,000 tonnes, 29.2 per cent higher than the previous quarter due to dragline operations progressing through a more productive section of the mine sequence characterised by thicker coal seams and lower rehandle, together with increased production from the contract mining operation in the Mt Arthur pit.

For the year ended June 2006, Wesfarmers' share of coal production was 2,301,000 tonnes, 6.2 per cent higher than the prior year.

### **DEVELOPMENT**

Planning and evaluation continued with a view to obtaining approvals necessary to increase the maximum annual run of mine production from 8.7 million tonnes to 10.7 million tonnes.

### **EXPLORATION**

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

**ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION**

Mine	Ownership	Beneficial Interest	Coal Type	Quarter ended ('000 tonnes)			Full year ended ('000 tonnes)			% Change		
				Jun 05	Mar 06	Jun 06	Jun 04	Jun 05	Jun 06	Jun Qtr 2006 v Jun Qtr 2005	Jun Qtr 2006 v Mar Qtr 2006	FY 2006 v FY 2005
<b>Premier</b>	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Limited	100%	Steaming	758	936	870	3,398	3,307	3,713	14.8%	(7.0%)	12.3%
<b>Curragh</b>	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	1,338	1,521	1,790	4,695	4,537	6,300	33.8%	17.7%	38.9%
			Steaming	797	646	593	2,361	2,492	2,645	(25.6%)	(8.2%)	6.1%
<b>Bengalla</b>	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	510	435	562	2,292	2,167	2,301	10.2%	29.2%	6.2%